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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. MISSION'S ASSUMPTION THAT CALCOTT STORY IN MAY 28 PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT FOUNDATION IS CORRECT. YOU AUTHORIZED AND URGED STATE SO IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA AND OTHER INQUIRIES. IN DENYING CALCOTT STORY YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT CHAIRMAN LONG OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THURSDAY, MAY 23 THAT COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE SESSIONS (MARK-UP) ON THE TRADE BILL WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE MARK-UP SESSIONS COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS THIS WEEK OR THE BEGINNING OF NEXT. THE ADMINISTRATION IS, THEREFORE, INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS ON SUPPORT OF THE TRADE BILL AND IS ENCOURAGED THAT THE BEGINNING OF MARK-UP IN THE SENATE WILL PROVIDE THE MOMENTUM FOR ITS PROMPT PASSAGE BY CONGRESS AND THE BEGINNING IN EARNEST OF FULL-SCALE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA THIS FALL.

2. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HERE HAVE BEEN ASKED INFORMALLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD THE TRADE BILL NOT PASS CONGRESS THIS YEAR. WE HAVE STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A FALL-BACK POSITION AND THAT THERE IS NOT, IN OUR VIEW, ANY ALTERNATIVE TO MULTILATERAL, COMPREHENSIVE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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